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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR JULY 20 EVACUATION

1. EMBASSY PREPARATIONS FOR JULY 20 EVACUATION AS FOLLOWS:

(A) FSO HOPPER, ACCOMPANIED BY SYRIAN GASOLINE TRUCK, WILL DEPART DAMASCUS O/A 0800 TO MEET CONVOY IN VICINITY OF SYRIAN FORWARD LINES, NEAR JOUB HAFFAR/EZZ AL-ARAB (ABOUT 13 KN NORTH OF RASHAYYA). THEY WILL WAIT FOR STRAGGLERS AND FOLLOW CONVOY BACK TO DAMASCUS.

(B) FSO DAVIS AND FSL BISMARJI WILL MEET CONVOY AT SYRIAN BORDER TO FACILITATE ENTRY FORMALITIES. SYRIAN BORDER CROSSING HAS BEEN JAMMED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS DURING PAST WEEK AND SOME DELAY SHOULD BE EXPECTED. HOWEVER, ALL CONVOY MEMBERS SHOULD COMPLETE ENTRY FORMALITIES TO PRECLUDE
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POSSIBLE EXIT DIFFICULTIES.

(C) REGISTRATION/GATHERING POINT FOR CONVOY IN DAMASCUS IS DAMASCUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL. CONSULAR, B AND F MEDICAL AND SNACK BAR SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE. BUSES WILL BE RETAINED AND THOSE TAKING CHARTER FLIGHT TO ATHENS WILL DEPART FROM SCHOOL DIRECTLY TO AIRPORT.

(D) NON-U.S. CITIZENS NOT WISHING TO TAKE CHARTER WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR OWN ACCOMMODATIONS/TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSIES OF COUNTRIES WHOSE CITIZENS ARE IN CONVOY HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND INVITED SEND CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE TO SCHOOL.

2. SERVICES FOR U.S. CITIZENS. ASSUME PREVIOUS GUIDANCE ON ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE APPLIES.

3. SERVICES FOR NON-U.S. CITIZENS.

(A) ASSUME STATE 177855 AUTHORIZES EMBASSY ACCEPT PROMISSORY NOTE FROM ANY MEMBER OF CONVOY OF ANY NATIONALITY (CUBAN, STATELESS, ETC.) WISHING TO TRAVEL VIA DAMASCUS-ATHENS CHARTER. ADVISE.

(B) EMBASSY WILL OFFER TO EXCHANGE REASONABLE AMOUNTS OF LEBANESE OR US CURRENCY FOR SYRIAN POUNDS AT LAST PREVAILING RATE (DOLS 1 EQUALS L.S. 3.90/L.L. 1 EQUALS L.S. 1.27).

(C) EMBASSY WILL NOT ACCEPT PERSONAL CHECKS FROM NON-U.S. CITIZENS.

(D) TOM BALL WILL ASSIST AID-SPONSORED STUDENTS FROM AUB IN MAKING ONWARD ARRANGEMENTS.
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